

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a method and an apparatus for identification and control of the handling of keys, for each key an identification and control device (3) being selected, which will be registered, when a removal and a return respectively will be carried out. According to the invention, the identification code of the user is fed into a control center (4) and the fed code is forwarded to a printed circuit card (18) in a local control and indication unit (2), and the removability and the removal in the control center (4) is registered and indicated on the control and indication unit (2), an identification and control device (3) being used, which has a pin-like, hollow shell (26) with a printed circuit card (42) and a chip (43), the latter being loaded with a unique code for each identification and control device (3), and which is inserted into a hole (23) in the local control and indication unit (2), from the printed circuit card (42) and the chip (43) of the device (3) and through contact means (19) information being forwarded to the printed circuit card (18) of the local control and indication unit (2).